

THEATRE FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES FESTIVAL

Plans are proceeding apace for the Theatre for Young Audiences Festival being jointly sponsored by the Association of Kansas Theatre and the Wichita Children's Theatre.

- * April 30 and May 1, 1982 are the dates. * \$8 per day includes tickets to all
- * Wichita Children's Theatre is the place. four productions/\$16 for all 8

There will be eight productions in the Festival. Those confirmed are:

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| * Wichita Children's Theatre | * Emporia State Univ. Theatre |
| * Kansas Univ. Theatre for Young People | * Seem to Be Players, Lawrence |
| * Hutchinson Repertory Company | * Tell a Tale Players, Little Rock, AR |

Two other companies are being sought to round out the Festival. Plays to be produced include: James and the Giant Peach, Greensleaves Magic, Jim Thorpe--All American, Snow White, and Three Little Pigs.

Festival Responder will be Dr. Nat Eek, Dean of Fine Arts, University of Oklahoma. A graduate of Kansas University, Dr. Eek has had extensive experience with children's theatre and with festival adjudicating/responding.

A workshop is being planned for Friday afternoon.

More details and a registration form will be included in the March MARQUEE.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND -- WHAT BETTER WAY TO CELEBRATE SPRING THAN TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR COLLEAGUES' EFFORTS TO ENRICH OUR CHILDRENS' LIVES THROUGH THE MAGIC OF THEATRE?

LET'S LEARN HOW TO ADJUDICATE BETTER!!

In conjunction with the Theatre for Young Audiences Festival, AKT is holding an "adjudication" workshop. Adjudicating, or responding to our colleagues' work in a meaningful way, is a special skill that many of us could develop more fully, if we only had the chance to see enough plays at one time to have a significant "hands-on" experience under benevolent supervision.

Using the model developed by the Michigan Theatre Association last June, when they used the National FACT Festival of 9 productions to train 27 new and rejuvenated adjudicators, AKT will use the 8 productions in the TYA Festival as the basis for providing a "hands-on" adjudication-training experience for Kansas theatre people. William Kuhlke of the University of Kansas Theatre faculty will be the resource person.

Each person registering for the workshop will give a 10-minute adjudication/response to at least one of the productions. The other trainees in the workshop, guided by Dr. Kuhlke, will respond to the response. In this way, we will learn from each other as well as from the designated resource person.

Prior to seeing any productions, a training period will be held in which a model of adjudication will be presented and discussed. This model is based on the work of Dr. Ronald Willis, Chair of the Theatre Program at K.U.

Persons who should consider participating in this 2-day workshop include: theatre faculty members of colleges and universities who are most often asked to respond to their colleagues' work, theatre students, community theatre directors, secondary school theatre directors, professional theatre directors.

Registration fees for this workshop will be \$40, which includes tickets to all eight productions, and hand-out materials.

Registration is limited, so plan now to attend -- April 30 and May 1!

A registration form will be included in the next MARQUEE. For further information, contact Twink Lynch at the Central Office: 1334 Lakeside Dr., Topeka, 66604 (913/232-7709).

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(Everything you wanted to know about it)

SCHEDULEFriday, April 30

8-10 a.m. Adjudication Group Meets
 9:00 a.m. Registration/Ticket Sales open
 10-11 a.m. EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY:
 James and the Giant Peach (G)
 11-12 a.m. NEBRASKA THEATRE CARAVAN
 Workshop
 12-1 (LUNCH)
 1-2 p.m. NEBRASKA THEATRE CARAVAN
 Monkey, Monkey (T)
 2:30-3:30 SEEM TO BE PLAYERS
 Three Little Pigs (G)
 3:30-5:00 Dr. Nat Eek--Workshop
 "How to Get in the Habit of
 Not Living with Second-Best
 in Children's Theatre"
 5-7 p.m. (DINNER BREAK)
 7-8 p.m. TELL-A-TALE PLAYERS
 Step on a Crack (T)
 8:15- RESPONSE SESSION: Dr. Eek (T)
 8:15- Adjudication Group Meets
 10:00 Wine and Cheese Party

Saturday, May 1

8-10 a.m. (Tent.) Adjudication Group Meets
 8:30 a.m. Registration/Ticket Sales open
 9-10 a.m. TELL-A-TALE PLAYERS
 Workshop (Tent.)
 10-11 a.m. TALES FOR TOTS
 Peter Rabbit (G)
 11-12 a.m. WICHITA CHILDREN'S THEATRE
 Greensleeves Magic (T)
 12-1:30 (LUNCH)
 1:30-2:30 PIED PIPER PLAYERS
 Family Comedy Theatre (G)
 2:45-3:45 K.U. THEATRE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
 Jim Thorpe (T)
 Response Session: Dr. Eek (T)
 Adjudication Group Meets
 ("T" means in the Theatre; "E" means
 in the Gallery)
FESTIVAL SITE: Wichita Children's Theatre
 9112 East Central
 Wichita, KS 67206

The Association of Kansas Theatre and the Wichita Children's Theatre are happy to present the THIRD Kansas Festival of Theatre for Young Audiences.

This Festival meets several objectives: it provides an opportunity for showcasing children's theatre companies in Kansas and the surrounding region; it provides an opportunity for company directors and actors to get feedback on their work; it provides an opportunity for children and adults to participate in several workshops; it provides the Association of Kansas Theatre with an opportunity to structure an adjudication-training workshop; and it provides all of us dedicated to theatre an opportunity to celebrate the work of our colleagues whose primary focus is bringing theatre to young audiences.

While single tickets for the various performances and workshops will be available at the door, we encourage you to "make a weekend of it," and register for the whole Festival at a considerable savings (25%). Single day passes are also available.

There is a group rate of \$2 per ticket for groups of 20 or more; if you are interested, call Sharon Sikes at Wichita Children's Theatre (316/686-3115).

We are working on providing lunch on the premises of the Wichita Children's Theatre Friday and Saturday; you may buy meal tickets, if desired, at the door. You may also buy wine and cheese party tickets at the door.

Hotel information is available from Sharon Sikes (316/686-3115), or write: Wichita Children's Theatre, 9112 East Central, Wichita, KS 67206

Festival Respondent is Dr. Nat Eek, Dean of Performing Arts, Oklahoma University, who has had extensive experience in children's theatre and adjudication (responding).

ADJUDICATION WORKSHOP

(What a great opportunity!)

In conjunction with the Theatre for Young Audiences Festival, the Association of Kansas Theatre is holding an adjudication workshop for up to 16 participants.

Led by Dr. William Kuhlke of the Theatre Faculty at Kansas University, the "student adjudicators/respondents" will learn a technique of responding to productions that has been developed by Dr. Ronald Willis, also of Kansas University. This technique was used as a model at the Adjudication Workshop sponsored by the Michigan Theatre Association during the National Festival of American Community Theatre last June. Twenty-seven participants were given training in the basic approach and each was given an opportunity to respond to one production, under the guidance of an experienced adjudicator. The hands-on experience was much appreciated by those participants and helped begin the carry-over of theory into practice.

Prior to seeing any productions, a training period will be held for participants in this workshop, during which Dr. Willis's ideas regarding responding to theatre productions will be presented and discussed. Handout materials will be provided.

Participants will attend all eight productions. After the fourth production each day (about 8:00 p.m. on Friday, about 4:00 p.m. on Saturday), a response session will be held in which each participant will respond to at least one production (depending on the number of participants). If there are 16 participants, two will respond to each production. About 10 minutes will be allowed for the "student response," after which the other student-respondents will discuss the response, guided by Dr. Kuhlke.

If time permits, Workshop Participants will be able to attend Dr. Eek's workshop Friday afternoon.

The preliminary meeting of the Adjudication Workshop participants will be Thursday evening, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. Upon receipt of your registration, we will notify you where this meeting will take place. Your registration must be received no later than April 20th (postmarked no later than April 15th). In the event that there are insufficient registrations, the workshop will be cancelled and your fee will be completely refunded.

The Adjudication Group will meet Friday morning to review the materials presented Thursday evening. An additional review meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday morning, should the group feel it necessary to meet.

Registration fee: your \$40 fee covers the cost of the materials, tickets to the productions, the services of the Resource Person, and administrative costs. It does not cover meals, the wine and cheese party on Friday evening, or your hotel. (FOR HOTEL INFORMATION, contact Sharon Sikes, 316/686-3115).

Meals--we hope to offer lunch on the premises of the Wichita Children's Theatre on Friday and Saturday. Tickets for those meals will be available at the door. Dinner and lunches may also be found at several restaurants in the area of the Children's Theatre; a list will be provided at the door.

Wine and cheese party will be held Friday evening for all participants at the Festival, including the Adjudication Workshop participants. Tickets for this party will also be available at the door.

PLEASE REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE--ONLY 16 PEOPLE CAN PARTICIPATE IN THIS TERRIFIC OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD YOUR RESPONSE SKILLS, and what better gift can we give our colleagues than a sensitive, thoughtful, educated response to their theatre work?

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REGISTRATION

(Complete and mail with your check, made out to AKT, to: AKT Central Office,
1334 Lakeside Dr., Topeka, KS 66604)

NAME _____ AKT DIVISION (if applicable) _____
(please print in BLOCK letters)

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE--Days (AC) _____ Eves (AC) _____

Festival Package (8 shows, workshops, response sessions--\$20) \$ _____

Friday Pass (4 shows, workshops, response session--\$12) \$ _____

Saturday Pass (4 shows, workshop, response session--\$12) \$ _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

(Use this form for one person only; copy for additional registrations)

(POSTMARK NO LATER THAN APRIL 20th)

REFUNDS: full till April 15; half till April 30; no refunds after April 30th.

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PHONE -- Days (AC) _____ Eves (AC) _____

Workshop Registration (8 shows, training sessions,
materials, adjudication
sessions, other workshops
as time permits)

\$ 40.00

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

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POSTMARK NO LATER THAN APRIL 15--REGISTRATION LIMITED--ACT TODAY!

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